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The Honorable Wally Herger, Member
US House of Representatives
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC
20515-0502

Dear Mr. Herger,

On behalf of the 28 rural county membership of Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) we would like to thank you for your support in the passing of S. 1608 the "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 1999."

In California alone, this Act will assist over 760,000 students by providing \$65 million for rural schools and county governments. We expect the Act will strengthen quality public education, healthy forests, and strong rural communities.

Your hard work and dedication to this legislation is appreciated. All of rural America benefits from your participation in the passage of S. 1608.

Sincerely,

Edward 'Tom' Bamert
Chairman, RCRC Board of Directors
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